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For: A RUBBER COMPOSITION FOR TIRE  
TREADS AND A PNEUMATIC TIRE  
HAVING A TREAD MADE OF SUCH  
COMPOSITION

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows, the due date having been extended one month to November 22, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.**